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A STATE PAPER.

My attention has been directed of late to the importance and value of our denominational State papers.

The Baptists of Maryland are a feeble folk, but they decided that a Baptist State paper is necessary, to keep in touch with each other, and do their best work, so they appropriated \$1,000.00 of State mission money to launch such an enterprise.

The Baptists of Florida had their troubles as to a State organ. They finally decided that the best thing to do was to own it, and run it. It has this advantage that it eliminates any other such enterprise. The Florida Baptist Witness is the property of the Convention. I judge they consider it to be better to have a means of information and exchange of ideas, though at a loss, rather than not to have such a medium at all. I believe they are correct in the matter.

And the Baptist hosts of Texas know the value of their State organ in carrying forward their heroic enterprises to success. It is a mighty lever of power in helping them to do great things for God in Texas. At their last convention they determined that the wisest and best thing was to own The Baptist Standard. The Baptists of Texas should keep up their organ though they lose money each year in doing so. It is a necessary part of the machinery in doing the Lord's work.

What is true of the importance and value of a paper in the States mentioned above is also true among us Mississippi Baptists.

Our denominational enterprises demand our paper as a needed vehicle for doing their best work. They could not succeed without them. The last issue of The Baptist Record lays on our tables things we ought to read about, three denominational enterprises in which every loyal Baptist in the State should be interested. I refer to our Orphanage, our college and a proposed hospital.

As our organ I am fully persuaded that The Baptist Record is worth three times its price to every loyal Baptist in the commonwealth.

It does not strive to be anything more than a State paper. It has neither the money nor the equipment to try to cover the territory of our Southern States. Other papers, such as the Western Recorder, have the decided advantage in such things.

We are asked to make some Sunday in January "BAPTIST RECORD DAY." I sincerely trust most pastors can do this. Let us lend a helping hand and make our paper go.

I propose to present it on its merits as a State paper sincerely believing it is worth

three times its price to every wide-awake Baptist in our bounds.

I. P. Trotter.

Hattiesburg, Miss.

Stray Shots.

(By I. W. Read).

At Winona I met with the Baptists of the State for the first time. It was a great convention. The reports of work done, and the set addresses, were of a high order. But the question is: After the convention what? It is easy to attend meetings and vote for the adoption of reports and applaud speakers and endorse resolutions, but that, of itself, is nothing. The demand is that each of us do his whole duty, in enlarging the work during this convention year. Every church in the State should have a hand in the enlargement.

Before November, 1910, every church in the State should take an offering for foreign, home and State missions, for Orphanage, for ministerial education, and every other enterprise for the advancement of the kingdom of God. Upon the pastors, is it laid, to see that this thing is done.

Education.

Two visits to Clinton and Mississippi College have convinced me that the endowment and equipment of that institution are imperatively demanded. The large student body and the inadequate equipment are forceful arguments in favor of greater offerings for enlargement. It is a marvel how such splendid work can be done with such a meagre supply of those things needful to the highest efficiency.

When the buildings are erected and the plans carried out as Dr. Lowrey has them on paper Mississippi Baptists will have buildings and campus both adequate and beautiful. Under such conditions with a faculty as we now have, of high-toned, scholarly, Christian men, the future will be big with promise.

Every Mississippi Baptist should keep his mind on 1911 when the next great effort will be made for this institution. Let the cry for that campaign be: Suitable buildings, and the increase of endowment to \$500,000. This would not be much for us to do. It would only amount to about one dollar per year, per member, for five years. I shall have some things to say upon this subject at another time.

The Laymen.

It was gratifying to see so many laymen at the convention. When business and professional men will lay aside their private

business and give three or four days to the consideration of the enlargement of the kingdom it means much. It was a delight to me to listen to lawyers, educators and men of business discuss the things necessary to the enlargement of the work of the kingdom of God. It gives us a vision of the beloved day "in the ages to come," when the spirit of Christ shall rule in the hearts of men. Every association in the State should have a laymen's committee and hold at least one rally for the laymen during the year.

Our Paper.

No one man can make The Baptist Record what it should be. I dare say it is not what the editor would like to see it. The quality of the paper used, and the mechanical make-up are not what they should be, but throwing stones will not make them better. Its news columns are not as newsy as they might be, but aren't we pastors largely to blame for that? We ought to give the Baptist news to the editor, if we desire to see it in our paper. Let us all stand shoulder to shoulder with the editor this year and see if it is not a better paper. It should have 25,000 subscribers, but I doubt if it has so many—the editor knows.

The thing needed in both editor and pastors is a firm conviction, that the best paper possible is demanded; a persistent effort to make it such, and an insistent endeavor to make everybody feel the need of having it in their home.

The possibilities to the Baptists are great, and we have the ability to change these possibilities into opportunities, and then to convert the opportunities into magnificent achievements.

Gloster, Miss.

Dockery.

The church at this place on yesterday (Nov. 21), elected three brethren, Tom Sledge, N. B. Parker and J. M. Hood, to be ordained as deacons at our next regular meeting, the 3rd Sunday in December. Bro. Will Dockery was elected clerk. W. M. Reese was cordially invited to continue as pastor and accepted the call.

On account of my removal to Clinton, so far from the church, I requested a month ago that the church call another pastor. This I expected to be done. But in my two years' labor with this church, the Lord has blessed me and given me a place in the hearts of the people and they are very dear to me, so that I could not say "no" to their call which seems to voice the will of the Master.

W. M. Reese.

News in the Circle

MARTIN BALL.

The church at Nolichucky, Tenn., held its 4th Sunday in October. Pastor W. T. Darling and Revs. M. Sammons and M. S. Scarborough composed the council.

Ft. Worth Texas has secured the Southwestern Theological Seminary. In forty days the city raised \$100,000 and 280 acres of land. The land is valued at more than \$100,000. An administration building to cost \$100,000 will be erected at once. Rev. Lee Scarborough will have charge of the work. The institution is only two years old and has a total of one-half million dollars endowment and property.

Some millionaire in Los Angeles, Cal., has given \$300,000 for worldwide evangelism. It is to be used in printing tracts and books. Dr. A. C. Dixon, pastor of the Moody Church, Chicago, is to be the manager of the fund.

The inter-denominational Laymen's Convention at Buffalo, N. Y., raised very near \$100,000 to be used in missionary work. This is said to be more than three times the amount contributed by all the churches in Buffalo last year.

The recent convention in Winona was a great blessing and benediction to the town and the surrounding country. Everybody was delighted. 600 brethren and sisters were entertained besides many relatives whose names never reached the committee on reception.

Pastor S. E. Tibb, Pine Bluff, Ark., has just closed a two-weeks' meeting. There were 100 additions to the church—53 by baptism. Evangelist W. D. Nowlin, of Mayfield, Ky., did the preaching. About 150 conversions reported.

Rev. H. C. Rosamond, once pastor at Winona, was chosen president of the Pastors' Conference, which preceded the Arkansas Convention, which met at Arkadelphia Nov. 17. There was an unusually large attendance.

The church at Denham, Mo., has called Pastor E. L. Rogers, of Venus, Texas. He will enter the new field Dec. 1.

Rev. L. T. Hastings, a student in Union University, Jackson, Tenn., has been called to the pastorate of the church at Toone, Tenn. He will doubtless accept.

Rev. W. A. Dardar has resigned at Wylam, Ala., and returned to the seminary at Louisville, Ky. The church has called Pastor H.

R. Schramm, of Samson, Ala., and he will begin work at once.

Pastor J. B. Shelton, of Adairville, Ky., was recently aided in a gracious revival by Rev. T. J. Ratcliff, of Central City, Ky. 29 received by baptism and the church much revived.

The church at Winona feels grateful to all who have spoken so kindly of the entertainment given the messengers in the recent convention. Many of the members and citizens have expressed a wish that the convention might meet in Winona next year. Come again and we will do better.

We lift our hat to The Baptist Builder of Martin, Tenn., for kind words about "News in the Circle." Such generous expressions are much appreciated to one who is trying to add interest to The Baptist Record, Mississippi's State paper.

Rev. T. M. Galphin has been called to the First Church, Toccoa City, Ga. He has accepted and will begin work in the new field December 1.

The property belonging to George Washington University, Washington, D. C., was lately sold for \$600,000. The present session will be finished in the buildings, but it is not stated where the next will open, if at all. How the mighty has fallen.

The First Church, Carthage, Mo., has called Rev. H. E. Tralle, who for some time has had charge of the Agoga work in Sunday Schools. He accepts the pastorate and will soon enter the pastorate. That seems good to us.

The Arkansas State Convention in session this week at Arkadelphia, elected Hon. W. E. Atkins president, Dr. J. W. Conger of Little Rock and Bro. P. C. Barton of Jonesboro were made vice presidents, Rev. J. J. Hurt of Conway secretary. Rev. T. S. Potts of Memphis and Dr. Geo. W. Truett of Dallas, Texas, will represent the Tri-State Hospital at Memphis.

Dr. R. C. Buckner, Superintendent of Buckner Orphanage, Dallas, Texas, was for the 16th session elected president of the Texas General Convention. Dr. B. H. Carroll delivered the Introductory Sermon in his matchless way. The Convention Board reported a deficit of \$9,000. The splendid sum of \$132,640 has been raised and expended for State work. 400 missionaries have been employed. About 3,000 in attendance. Dr. Gambrell says it was the greatest of all Texas Conventions. \$25,000 raised for the Orphanage.

The total amount of money raised by the Texas General Convention during the last conventional year was \$383,440.80. More

than \$10,000 above any previous year were raised for State missions.

The Winona Church, in regular conference, last Wednesday night, elected Bro. W. R. Graham, the efficient and courteous agent of the Southern Railroad at this point, to the deaconship. He is president of the B. Y. P. U. and is making an eminent success of the work. We have no better layman in the State.

Dr. J. B. Moody, in The Baptist Builder, Martin, Tenn., has a splendid article on the transfiguration. He says, "The Apostles had a vision of the second coming of Christ." And expresses astonishment that all men do not see it. There are none so blind as those who will not see.

The South Carolina Convention will meet with the First Church, Anderson, December 7. The ministers' conference, which meets the day before, has a fine program and some of the best speakers in the State are on the program.

Rev. W. W. Harris, of Crockett, Texas, has accepted the call to the Rowan Memorial Church, Memphis, and is now on the field at work.

Resolutions of the Convention Board.

The following resolution was passed by the Convention Board in Jackson at its recent annual meeting:

Resolved that as to the Baptist Record matter which was referred to this Board, we desire to express our deep sense of the need of our paper for carrying on our denominational work.

We recommend that one of the Sundays in January 1910 be made "Baptist Record Day" in each church in the State and we thereby endeavor to increase its circulation and influence. We take pleasure in expressing our warm loyalty to the paper.

Also this resolution:

In compliance with a recommendation from the State Convention that this Board take some steps to improve the character and circulation of The Baptist Record, we make the following deliverance:

1st. That the short-comings of the paper are more largely due to the inadequacy of the office force than to any other cause or causes.

2nd. That this inadequacy in the working force is due to a lack of means to employ adequate assistance, both in the office and on the field—both in the clerical, mechanical and literary make-up of the paper.

3rd. That this lack of means is due to the failure of the subscribers to pay up their subscriptions. In other words some Baptists of Mississippi have in their keeping \$12,000 which they decline to turn over to The Record to whom it belongs.

Thursday, December 2, 1909.

4th. That we respectfully appeal to our Baptists who are holding money belonging to The Record now too long due to forward it at once and relieve the paper of its limitations in the effort to furnish our work with such an organ as the work demands.

P. I. Lipsey,
Recording Secretary.

Preamble and Resolutions.

It is the unanimous verdict that this has been in more ways than one, the best of the series of Sunday School and Bible Institutes that have been held at this place.

It has been a God-given privilege and joy for the large number of Bible students and Bible lovers to sit together and study about God, our duty toward him and our relation and duty to our fellows, and the art of studying God's Word and of teaching it to others. Therefore be it resolved,

That we express our gratitude and thanks to Bro. L. P. Leavell, Bro. J. E. Byrd and Dr. R. A. Venable for this faithful and helpful work in this Sunday School and Bible Institute which closes tonight.

Resolved that it is the sense of this assembly that we have a like meeting next year and that we ask the Sunday School Board, to whom we are indebted beyond expression to provide for the meeting a year hence.

Further resolved, That we express our appreciation to the First Baptist Church for the use of their church house and to those who have provided the luncheons.—Bible Institute, Jackson, Miss.

Bro. Whitten's Arithmetic Correct.

Bro. B. F. Whitten informs me that his estimate was based upon the report of 1908, and mine upon the report of 1909, and that the average per capita for foreign missions for the Coldwater Association for 1908 was surely 31 cents. I do not think that I questioned that statement at all, but took up reports of both associations for 1909 and compared them in a general way. I did not have reference to defective calculations, and all I meant was to call attention to the fact that the Coldwater in her per capita gifts was not leading the State. That was all, that and nothing more.

Bro. Whitten we are both in the race for greater things.

W. I. Hargis.

Mississippi Heights Academy.

This academy is located at Blue Mountain, Miss. It is in charge of Prof. J. E. Brown, who has associated with him an excellent faculty. I desire to most heartily commend this school to our people. It is doing a work with boys and young men preparatory to college entrance to those desiring college course and gives fine training for life to those who cannot go to college. There is a larger attendance now than ever before, and this in the face of short crops. The school became so full this fall that Prof. Brown had

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to turn away some. So many wanted to come still that he has built more room during this month. This was to especially accommodate the present attendance. With a few who have dropped out there is room for six or eight more now. Let any one desiring entrance write Prof. Brown at once. The chief thing commending this school to me is the care and attention given the students outside of school hours. There is absolutely no loafing. At night and Saturdays and Sundays the boys have the attention of the teachers and by this means they are not only kept in place but are taught how to apply themselves to their studies. It is certainly a training school. More than 200 is the enrollment for the present session. I write this heartily, freely, gladly and for the good of the boy or young man who may thereby be induced to come.

R. A. Kimbrough.

Our Canal Zone Mission Work.

(Victor I. Masters).

The Home Mission Board is this year prosecuting its work in the Canal Zone on the basis of an expense of \$8,000. More than half of this will be used in providing churches, chapels, and pastor's homes.

Our five missionaries in the Canal Zone are: Rev. J. L. Wise, superintendent of missions; Revs. S. M. Loveridge, J. H. Sobey, H. W. Dohrmann and Charles Moulton. Rev. and Mrs. Wise are natives of Louisiana, and Rev. S. M. Loveridge is an Englishman, who was engaged in the work of the Jamaica Baptist in Panama, but came over with that work to the Southern Baptists.

The importance of winning and holding for Christ the people in this strip of land cannot well be over estimated. Men from every nation under heaven will soon pass to and fro through it. The multitudes already foregathered there, variegated in skin-color, nationality and character are but only an earnest of what the future shall be.

It is well that Southern Baptists so early entered upon this work. It is well that we have prosecuted it with vigor. It is gratifying that large success has greeted the efforts of our missionaries. It would be well if we could spend twice as much money and effort as we are in conducting the work. With more of confusion and more of distractions to offset the constructive religious efforts than can probably be found in any other mission field, our workers have developed five churches, and maintained several other preaching stations.

Superintendent Wise is rejoicing over the new house of worship recently completed at Colon, and the erection of two other buildings at other points is an activity of the immediate future. The building which has been erected is pronounced a great success

for the purpose intended, and its cost was remarkably moderate.

A fine work is developing at Empire. This is a town three-fourths of the way across the Zone near Culebra cut, which cut is one of the two greatest engineering feats, the other being Gatun Dam. There are about 2,000 Americans at Empire, and we have a very promising church organized for the white people there. Most of these people will be permanent residents. It is a good elevation and is a healthful place. The church is almost self-supporting, and can pay \$50 per month towards the pastor's salary. Superintendent Wise is praying for a good minister of Christ, an effective man, to come from the States to be a pastor for this church. May the Lord lay this upon the heart of some capable young preacher from among our churches.

A church will also be erected at Gatun. This is at the great dam, at which 8,000 men are now employed in work. We have quite awhile maintained a mission there. It will have a permanent population.

Superintendent Wise is exceedingly anxious for the Home Board to send an evangelist to the Zone for special work this winter, and our Board will comply with the wish. This seems the more desirable for the reason that great pressure has been brought to bear among the other religionists in the Canal Zone in favor of a certain interdenominationalism in revivals and other religious efforts. Our missionaries have suffered persecution and our work some disadvantage because they have not shown a readiness to become a party to the more or less superficial sentimentalism and invertebrate gush involved in the loudly-trumpeted combination. Of course, our missionaries were quite right in their reluctance to become a party to such meetings. At home or abroad Baptists are always the losers when they join in a religious combination that says in effect to the world:

It makes no difference about churches. Hide your convictions out of sight, or else be ashamed of having any that everybody else does not agree with.

May the Home Board be able to develop for Southern Baptists in the Canal Zone a religious life that shall not only touch wayfarers of the deep, as they by thousands pass to and fro, but shall also reach out into the contiguous portion of the Panama Republic, which lie in darkness and sin.

Home Mission Rooms, Atlanta.

Brother Moderator.

Stop a moment and give me the name and address of the chairman of your Layman's Missionary Movement for your Association. Do this and you will help push a great cause and greatly oblige me.

S. R. Whitten.

Jackson, Miss.

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"A Thorn in the Flesh."

The combined scholarship in the realm of Biblical research has failed to evolve from the mass of conflicting opinions an explanation of this phrase that satisfies all Bible students. Some have thought it meant defective vision, others, epilepsy, and yet others, some stubborn, chronic illness. But, while we cannot, from any definite scripture statement, know for a certainty what the "thorn" was, yet we can show positively three things about it: (1) He was sent by Satan; (2) to buffet Paul; (3) in order that he should not be exalted above measure on account of the abundance of revelations of Christ to him. It is quite clear that things are predicated of this thorn that would indicate that it must have been a person, or something capable of intelligent action. It is called a messenger, and it is asserted of it that it was capable of buffeting. From the context it does not appear that it is necessary that the expression should be accepted as literal. But just as a thorn or other foreign substance embedded in the literal flesh would continually irritate and pain one, so would this figurative thorn irritate, chafe and humble the spirit of its victim. It is evident from the passage of scripture in which this phrase stands that the object of the "messenger" was to prevent exaltation of spirit and mind in this wonderful success-

ful apostle. Is it not possible that the well-nigh ubiquitous Judaizer is "the messenger of Satan," sent to frustrate, hinder and annoy Paul the Apostle of Jesus Christ? Such a formidable, ever-present foe would prove just such an irritant to the imperial, optimistic mind of Paul as a literal thorn imbedded in the literal flesh would prove to the body. Paul was confronted at every turn in his eventful career with this persistent and devilish judaizer. This "messenger of Satan," as on this occasion so elsewhere, claimed to be of the purest Hebrew blood and to belong to the Petrine school of disciples, and either said or insinuated that Paul did not. The judaizer's treatment of Paul was not only very vicious, but also very extremely foolish. So Paul's course is in line with Solomon's advice to "answer a fool according to his folly." So, to meet the vain babbling of these judaizers, Paul had to descend from his usual dignity and earnestness to the realm of trivial and silly things. "I speak foolishly," said he. Paul's speaking as a fool was concerning a certain reproach that had been heaped upon him by his enemies, the judaizers. Paraphrasing Paul's words, we hear him saying: "They claim to be Hebrews. So do I. They claim to be Israelites. So do I. They claim to be the seed of Abraham. I also claim this. They claim to be ministers of Christ. I also claim to be a minister of Christ, and one much more abundant in labors than any of them." He then specifies. II. Cor. 11:22, 23.

Paul prayed thrice for the removal of this thorn. God did not remove it, but assured Paul of a sufficiency of grace to enable him to bear it. God does not usually remove our burdens, but gives us strength to bear them, which is far better for us. If he removed them then we would grow up mere weaklings, but, in enabling us to bear them, he makes us strong and useful.

Our Church Life is a recent book by Rev. J. M. Frost, D. D., and published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. This book is well-bound in cloth and contains 308 pages. The following table of contents gives a good idea of what the book is:

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Its price is 90 cents postpaid. This book is written in a dignified style and the presentation is clear and logical, as well as eminently scriptural.

At School in the Cannibal Islands, by Edwin J. Houston, Ph. D., published by the American Baptist Publication Society, at \$1.25. This book is neatly bound in blue cloth, is printed in good clear type and contains 412 pages. One does not read far before he discovers that Mr. Houston is not a novice at popular writing. The content of the book is divided into twenty-three chapters, with appendices. There are five fine illustrations, and the style of the book is attractive, and the content instructive. Young folks will enjoy this excellent book.

Ward Hill—the Teacher, by Everett T. Tomlinson, published by The American Baptist Publication Society, is a book of 304 pages, in cloth binding, printed on good paper and in clear type. It consists of 32 chapters embellished with eight illustrations. It is well-written and teaches some important lessons. It gives a clever insight into some of the ups and downs of school life, both from the teacher's standpoint and from the pupil's, and will be read with a relish by both.

Baptist Principles, by Rev. E. E. Folk, D. D., and published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, is just from the press. It is gotten out in the Sunday School Board's usual good style. The paper and print are good. The contents of this thoroughly sound and helpful book are given in 26 letters. The epistolary style is preserved throughout the book, making it very direct and definite. Dr. Folk deserves the gratitude of our Baptist people for this contribution to the Baptist literature of the South. The price of the book is \$1.00 postpaid.

Sunday School Helps.

The Baptist Record is prepared to supply on receipt of order all Sunday School helps. A large supply of Peloubet's Notes, Tarbell's Teachers' Guide and many smaller helps have been laid in. We also have the book of Matthew printed in separate book form, in several different bindings, ranging in prices from 5 cents up to \$1.00 per copy. The \$1.00 edition contains notes and illustrations. Peloubet's Notes and Tarbell's Guide \$1.00 each, postpaid. Let us have your orders now.

Rev. N. R. Stone has accepted the pastorate of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and has entered upon the work.

Evangelist Price is with Dr. I. W. Read in a meeting this week with the Galilee Church, Gloster.

From the best information obtainable at this writing it seems that the constitutional amendment in Alabama was lost by something like 20,000 votes. It was a great fight, and will do much good.

Through Mr. V. L. Crawford, assistant teacher of the Baracas in First Baptist Church, Meridian, we learn that there are

about 70 members of this class. What an opportunity for doing good, and also what a responsibility!

We take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of The Youth's Companion Calendar for 1910. The Venetian scene, reproduced in the Calendar by thirteen-color lithography, will be found well worth preserving, long after 1910 is gone by.

Two cars loaded with a great variety of good things for the children at the Orphanage arrived last week. One of these was from the north and one from the south. The Superintendent expresses his thanks to the conductors and crews who were in charge of those cars for their great courtesy and helpfulness in every way.

Through the courtesy of the Home Mission Board a set of the Home Mission charts have reached our table. They can not fail to be of great help to our people, if they are taken and read. The Board sends them for 25 cents per set. They are constructed on facts given by the Government Religious Census of 1890-1906.

The Mississippi Baptist has suggested that if there is not a 5th Sunday in October, 1910, the dates appointed for the meeting of the General Association and of the Baptist State Convention will conflict, but there will be a 5th Sunday in October, 1910. We are glad the dates do not conflict, so we can have the pleasure of continuing our fraternal visits to each other. It is both pleasant and profitable to do so.

The Pleasures of Reading the Bible is a little book of some 50 pages, neatly bound, and printed in large, clear type. It is written by Temple Scott, and sells for 55 cents postpaid, and published by Mitchell Kennerly, New York. No more fitting book can be circulated by those who desire to encourage and spread the reading of the Scriptures, and as a gift it is ideal.

The Convention evidently left a good taste in Pastor Ball's mouth. He says, after thinking over the matter for two weeks: "Our people enjoyed the Convention very much, and would be glad to have it again." We respond by saying, and we would like to go to Winona again. It was a delightful occasion.

The Annual of the seventy-first session of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention reached our table on Saturday morning, Nov. 27th. The printers gave our secretary a good job and a quick job, in fact, so far as we now recall, the quickest job ever given any secretary of the Convention. Bro. Lee is to be congratulated upon the dispatch he has given the work. Any who may have occasion to write about the Annual, address Rev. Walton E. Lee, Hernando, Miss.

We are happy to be able to announce to our readers that Dr. H. F. Sproles has been engaged to prepare the Sunday School lessons for next year, and that his work will begin with our first issue in January, 1910. Because of his eminent fitness for the work, the trustees of Mississippi College have made him a full professor in the college in charge of Bible work. So popular has his work become that many young men who are not preachers have voluntarily joined the Bible work. His ripe experience in Bible study and pastoral work coupled with his large learning and spirituality will make his work along this line of great practical value to those interested in Sunday School work and Bible study. We have had many expressions of desire on the part of Sunday School workers for the lessons to appear in our columns, and several have named Dr. Sproles as the brother to prepare the lessons.

The 20th annual session of the Southern Educational Association will be held at Charlotte, North Carolina, on December 28th, 29th and 30th, 1909, in response to cordial invitations from the educators of the State and the citizens of Charlotte. The Southern Educational Association has for its special territory the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia; and has the following departments: Southern Educational Council, Department of Higher Education, Department of Secondary Education, Department of Normal Education, Department of Superintendence, Department of Manual and Industrial Education, Department of Drawing and Art, Department of Physical Education, Department of Libraries, Department of Child Study, Department of Kindergarten, Department of Music, and the Department of Southern Organizations of Women.

The Convention at its last session took steps looking toward the establishment of a Baptist Young Peoples' Encampment for the benefit of South Mississippi and that portion of Louisiana east of the Mississippi River. provided the Baptists in Louisiana choose to enter into the arrangement. A committee was appointed to arrange all details, including the location. We feel that this is a good move, and trust that these sections of the two States will take hold of the matter vigorously. The one at Blue Mountain planned for the whole State has done much good. But, because of its situation in the extreme northern part of the State, it does not reach to any considerable extent South Mississippi. We feel that the two will be mutually stimulating to each other. Inasmuch as the Convention does not now meet in summer, the field will be wide open for encampment.

Rev. O. M. Lucas, field man for The Baptist Record for 81-2 years, will retire from the service of the Baptist Record on December 31st, 1909. The relations between him and The Record for all these years have been pleasant in every way, and we separate with the very best feelings for each other. He has proven himself strictly honest and reliable in every regard, and has done good service for The Baptist Record, and it affords us very great pleasure to commend him to all among whom his lot may be cast. He is a good preacher, and would render acceptable services to any churches in reach of Jackson, or he might be induced to move to a field of labor. Any church desiring a pastor might do well to correspond with him at Jackson, Miss.

The Cars! The Cars!

Dear Bro. Bailey—Please allow me space in your columns to acknowledge the receipt of the many, many nice things that have come to us in the four cars already received and to extend cordial thanks to the many donors.

We have received and unloaded 2 cars from the Coldwater Association, one from Yazoo, and one from the Copiah. We are expecting one from Tupelo and one from Bogue Chitto and Lincoln County Association tomorrow. We would love to write each contributor and tell them how much we appreciate their help, and the loving interests that prompted their gifts, but that would be impossible, but we do love you and are trying to be worthy of all you are doing for us. Thanksgiving Day was a high day, and to us a day of real thanksgiving. May the Lord bless all of our friends and prosper them greatly in the new year.

Fraternally,
J. R. Carter.

December Convention Collections.

The closing month of the year has come, with it the privilege of filling up our Sustentation fund. To delay it beyond the present month will be to sidetrack it effectually, at least this is my observation. With the opening of the year we will have the great mission months with their heavy draft on our churches in the interest of missions, so that our pastors will be unable to give Sustentation the care that it deserves. Make something of the collection when you take it Bro. Pastor. Preach a little sermon on "Paul the aged."

Tell your people of the poverty to which these men and women are brought. Tell of their work in planting churches when our preachers were not paid. Tell how they blazed the way for the great things now to be seen in the kingdom.

The pastor who says, "well this is the time for Sustentation, Bro. Smith and Bro. Jones will please pass around the hat and take what small change you may happen to have," will not add much to the amount.

A. V. Rowe.

The Life Sermon-Lecture Series.

The letter given below was not originally intended for publication. I wrote it with the intention of having it printed in circular form for my use in the planning of my winter's work. But I have decided now to publish it, and thus have it read by the whole brotherhood, instead of reading it to a limited number of the brethren.

Somewhat most churches in this State think that revivals cannot be had in the winter time. I do not know why. There may be several reasons. May be one of these reasons is the fact that we have unconsciously allowed ourselves to decide that in the winter months many will not join us because the water is then too cold for them to get their consent to be baptized. No matter what the reasons are, it is a fact that the average Baptist revival and the hottest season of the year go hand in hand.

Now, the kind of revival referred to in the letter below can be had in the winter as well as the summer. Really, I think, for every possible reason, the winter months are preferable to the hot summer months for this sort of revivals. The letter follows:

My Dear Brother Pastor:

I am submitting to you in this letter a plan of work for an informal revival in your church. I know the plan will work, provided you and your church are willing to help me work it. It is like all other plans, however, in that it won't work itself. It is based on a series of talks which, from their character, I have named "The Life Sermon-Lecture Series."

1. Why So Named.

They are sermons, for they grow out of a text and are scriptural throughout. They are lectures, for they are made more nearly after the pattern of a regular lecture than the usual "Firstly, Secondly," etc., of the average orthodox-form sermon. They are sermon-lectures, for while they are the gospel in all its phases, still they possess the entertaining features of the lecture that usually costs the hearer so much by the hour. They are Life Sermon-Lectures, for there is no phase of life that does not receive attention and emphasis at the proper time and place, and, as far as possible, in the proper manner.

2. Their Origin.

These sermon-lectures were not manufactured in the sense that I went into my theological work-shop and proceeded to put the material together and make a piece of furniture. They were made in the sense that every one of them had, first, a beginning, and, afterward, a growth. And every one had not only its own origin, but has had its own growth. Some of them are the outgrowth of some of my first efforts at preaching; others had their beginning in some of the later sermons of my ministerial life; others were born in prayer-meetings, in that they are the development of some thought about

which gathered my mid-week prayer talks. Every one of them has something peculiar to itself, and only I know its history.

And none of them have yet stopped growing. Some of them have been revised, perhaps, fifty times. The pruning-knife has been freely used; and I continue to use it when an unsightly or unhealthy limb appears. But everytime I take out something I think ought not remain in any of them, I do my best to put something that suits to a T in their place. Hence my work at odd times for the last several years has been two-fold—pruning and grafting.

The result is that while the most radical Baptists (and I find many of them more radical than anything else) pronounce them orthodox—both Christians and non-Christians.

The pastor of one of the leading Methodist churches in Alabama (and that is no exaggeration), after hearing a part of the series, said: "A man who can handle the sins of the day as he does, with ungloved hands, and still without giving the least offense, is an artist."

3. Their Primary Purpose.

The primary purpose of these sermon-lectures is not to get people into the churches—though they usually result in a satisfactory ingathering. But as an ingathering scheme I do not recommend them as highly as I can recommend some other ways. As soul-winners I am willing to guarantee that they will result in the salvation of as great per centum (provided they will hear any thing like all of them) as any other series of sermons preached by any other ordinary preacher. I know what they will do in this regard, for I have tried them. And I am willing to face my guarantee at the closing-end of a meeting with any Baptist Church in the State. They have been especially fruitful in the salvation of grown folks—for they appeal to the reason and judgment, as well as the emotional side of life. To my knowledge they have resulted in the bringing of some very "hard cases" to the Christ of the gospel.

But their primary purpose is to help the churches. And they do this work not so much by getting in outside material as by touching and enlisting for development the material already in. To use a figure: as a medicine for church-life, they are a specific. But they do their best work not by an external application, like some liniments or salves I know, but by internal doses. They produce a revival, ordinarily; but not the kind, as is the ordinary, that grows from the outside inward—but from the inside outward. Their primary purpose is to make the heaven already in, real heaven. And real heaven always tends to make more heaven. So the ingathering generated by this kind of a revival is not an accretion, but a real growth.

4. Do the Churches Need Such Revivals?

We are all agreed that Baptist churches

need revivals; but we are not yet agreed as to the kind. For the last several years I have had an impression that the kind of revivals the church-life of our day needs most is the sort our churches do not usually have. I do not say that the average Baptist revival does not accomplish much good; neither do I deny that such revivals were once the kind the churches most needed. But Baptist church-life must be reckoned with today as it is, and not as it used to be. If I am not much mistaken, the average Baptist church does not need, in order to its best growth, the bringing in of new material, so much as it needs the enlistment and development of the material already in. There are many reasons why I am so impressed. I mention one or two:

1. Dead Life.

That is no paradox. The average Baptist church has more of that sort of life in it than any other. That is why the usual Sabbath-day worship is generally attended by less than half the membership; the mid-week prayer-meeting is made up of a mere "handful"; the Bible School's record shows that most of the adult members of the church care nothing for that department of church-life; and "just a few" have all the "paying to do."

And while I do not wish to be too pessimistic, yet I fear that the percentage of this dead-life is increasing more rapidly than it is decreasing. And unless this dead-life is reached in some way, and enlisted, our Baptist churches will drift more and more into a formality of worship, which will, in some features, be as far removed from the ideal spiritual worship enjoined by our Lord, as is the straight-laced ritualistic.

2. The Word "Revival."

"Re-vival" means "living again." Religiously speaking, it means "making the dead-life, living-life." And so an ideal church-revival is such a revivifying of the membership that all the inside material is reached and enlisted for development. But the kind of revivals our churches usually have are not measured by the amount of inside material by the amount of outside material touched and taken in. Consequently, among the first questions one usually asks relative to the results of any given revival is, "How many joined?" And since the number of outsiders taken in is the usual standard by which the real success of a meeting is gauged, often (too often) the main thing sought after is getting 'em in. Many of the revivals I have known have certainly unduly pressed the injunction, "Go out and compel them to come in." And while many of our Baptist churches have not been directly affected by such revivals, still they have all suffered from them, at least, to the extent that the denomination as a whole is now carrying an immense amount of dead-weight which hinders rather than helps in all the work we are trying to do.

Now, the kind of revivals suggested in this letter really "revives" the church by revivifying the "dead-life" among the membership. And while it is always a delight among Baptists to note the conversion of a sinner, yet, it seems to me, the thing we ought to seek after most just now is the matter of the re-conversion (not re-regeneration, mark you) of this immense amount of dead-weight with which nearly all the churches are burdened.

There are some further reasons for my impression that our churches sadly need revivals that are first internal, and external afterwards; that wake up sleeping Baptists and put them to work; that resurrect the dead-life of our denomination and put it on the watch-tower, or send it out to the front with sword in hand to fight; that subsoil God's "tilled field" (First Cor. 3:9) in Baptist-life until every bit of it yields its thirty, sixty and hundred fold; that cry aloud in heart-messages of truth and love until every Baptist among us realizes that salvation means service—not a salvation by works, but a salvation at work—that life means stewardship; and that every second-born one among us is meant to be a fellow-worker with God in the reclamation of a lost world from sin—I say there are further reasons, but my letter is already too long.

Yours sincerely,

R. S. Gavin.

7528 Hillman Ave., East Lake, Ala.

Note.—I shall be glad to correspond with any church in the State with reference to the holding of such a meeting as is above outlined. Write me at above address. And if you will undertake such a meeting, and will work the plan I have for the securing of the attendance of the membership, we'll have, at least, most of them.

R. S. G.

The Ministry: A Profession or a Calling?

(By H. O. Rowlands.)

I wish to consider this question, not as an abstract problem for discussion, but from the viewpoint of its close relation to the much-mooted subject of the alleged dearth of pastors for our churches and candidates for the gospel ministry. I am well aware of a near and trite reply to the question: "Both." No doubt that is true. But which is fundamental, and which is the incidental? A right solution of the problem would have much to do with the complementary subject, the dearth of ministers.

The Prudential Idea of the Profession.

First, the ministry is a profession for which men prepare, and by which they serve the interests of society, and also support themselves and their families; a profession in the sense pedagogy, medicine, the law, are professions; men enter these professions for self-centered and prudential purposes, so also many enter the ministry.

It is logical and certain that the men who

consider the ministry as a mere profession, conscientious and upright though they may be, will be governed in their decisions largely by prudential considerations. They will argue that while the ministry is a work in which they can serve God and their fellows, still they can render as efficient service as Christian physicians, lawyers, and merchants, and besides, do far better for themselves. If the ministry is only a noble profession the decision of such men is blameless and natural. It is this estimate of the ministry that has much to do in directing many excellent young men to other professions than the clerical and so in part bring the "dearth of ministers" of which men complain.

Compared With Other Professions.

Ponder on the influence this "professional" view of the ministry has on the thought and actions of young men of a character much needed these days in our pulpits. 'Tis a most mercenary, money-making, and pleasure-seeking age. These passions are become consuming lusts affecting all men in a measure. The church as well as the world is affected, for the church is in the world. The young men of our churches are not immune to those influences, Christians though they may be. Hence, when the ministry is brought to their attention, they compare and contrast it with other professions; the long and strenuous preparation required; the meagre salary; the finalness and unreasonable criticisms of the people whom he serves; the uncertain tenure of the pastorate, be he ever so faithful; the humiliation of candor, and above all and last of all his relegation to the ranks of the "has-beens" and disabled at an age and with an ability that if he were in other professions he would be coming to his prime.

The result of those conditions are alleged and by many believed to be that our brainiest, brightest and ablest young men enter other professions where they are protected from such perplexities and where they can "do good quite as well as if they were ministers."

Are Men Satisfied in the Ministry?

There are today a host of men in the pastorate who would gladly leave it if an acceptable exit presented itself. In a certain state a thousand-dollar position was open to clerical applicants who were to send their names to a central office; twenty-two applicants presented their names from among useful and not unsuccessful pastors in that state. Professors' chairs, editorial positions, colportage and other semi-religious positions are zealously sought by many of our pastors to whom their "profession" has become irksome and burdensome, beyond their strength and endurance—they think.

It was wont to be said that clergymen sought to have their sons follow in the profession of their fathers. A wide inquiry into this averment convinces me that at present it is untenable. I find quite the opposite to

be the fact. Not only that, but I have discovered a positive and strenuous disinclination on the part of clergymen's sons to enter the ministry, and an inquiry to the wives of pastors elicited a host of replies that they would not encourage their boys to be disposed to the ministry. When Christian mothers, wives of pastors, manifest that spirit toward the clerical profession, the signs are depressing, they are ominously forbidding! They account in a large degree for the "dearth" of candidates for the ministry and for the alleged averment (which I consider baseless), that students for the ministry possess an average ability second to that of students for other professions.

A Wrong Estimate of the Profession.

I affirm that one cause of this condition is the prevailing estimate of the minister's position—'tis only a profession—like any other honorable profession; a place indeed where good men are needed, and where much good can be done; but so it is with all professions; they do not differ from the ministry. Prudence and taste should dictate the choice. This is certainly not the Bible estimate of the ministry in either testament. If it be claimed that the ancient priesthood was a profession and the claim be granted, still the fact remains that the priest-tribe was first "called"—"even as Aaron." However, not the priest but the prophet of the Old Testament is the better prototype of the Christian minister. While the prophet's life might sometimes be a profession as in the case of Samuel, Elisha and others, after all the accept was always placed on his special call from God. Illustrations are abundant. Consider Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Amos, and especially Isaiah in that wonderful experience recorded in the sixth chapter of the prophecy. The Hebrew prophet claimed a special call from God to a great mission. This mark of the Christian minister's position is still more emphasized in the New Testament. The name "apostle" (sent) signifies it. Paul claimed he was "called to be an apostle." He might be a "tentmaker" by profession or trade; but it was the call and choice of God that made him an apostle and minister of the word, and "put him in the ministry."

The Ministry Is a Calling.

In our times we have changed the place of accept from the "call" to the profession and the results are disastrous. It should be still understood that while the ministry is an office, a position for which special preparation is needed, that it has honors, a recompense and joys, and that it deserves an honorable place from a prudential viewpoint. But first and foremost it is a position into which God "calls" a man in some manner that is intelligible to his conscience and consciousness. Should the man discover later that he had misinterpreted, or misunderstood the call there is an honorable way to change his work as some good men have discovered. This estimate of the ministry lifts it into a more honored and sacred consideration.

tion. Christian parents will train their boys as Eli did Sam. So listen to the Voice and submit to its authority. Pastors would not consider hardships and disagreeable conditions as reasons for becoming "agents," or for lolling safely in endowed chairs at larger salaries; for they were called to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to poverty-stricken souls at any possible cost. Christian young men would be asked to consider their duty to the world from the viewpoint of self-centered impulses; but does God call them to this particular work?

Need to Emphasize the Call.

The spirit of consecration, self-denial, and heroism would render seekers for the ministry and these are qualities especially fascinating to young men. Place a heavier accent on the "call of God" as the authoritative inspiration to preach the gospel and the chase for "better fields" would be abated among ministers. The abominable itch for a "change of pastor" would measurably cease; the estimate of a minister's character would rise in the church; he would not be considered a hireling to be dismissed at will, but the anointed of God. Churches would be as affectionate, devoted and respectful in severing a pastoral relation as they are in forming them. Ministers would be less unwilling to bear hardships for their Master, and they would appreciate better the words: "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord."

Yes, the ministry is a noble profession, but infinitely more the call of God for a special service.

Davenport, Iowa.

Stories of Hell's Commerce.

This is a new temperance book published by Shaw Publishing Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is entitled "Stories of Hell's Commerce, or the Liquor Traffic in Its True Light." It is compiled and edited by Elton R. Shaw. The introduction is by President Samuel Dixon of Albion College.

The stories and other articles of the book are written by such noted writers as John G. Wooley, John H. St. John, Eli Perkins, Chas. M. Sheldon, D. L. Moody, Chauncey Depew, R. A. Torrey, Sam Jones, Henry Ward Beecher, John B. Gough, Theo. L. Cuyler, Ada Melville Shaw, T. DeWitt Talmage, L. A. Banks, Gen. Fred Grant, Gen. Sheridan, Frank Beard, Rudyard Kipling, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Wendell Phillips and many others.

The book consists of five distinct departments. The first department is about 300 pages made up of 56 interesting and thrilling temperance stories. Some of these stories are the emotional kind, picturing the economical and social conditions resulting from the traffic and other stories deal with the question arising from the matter of fact business standpoint dealing with the question of business conditions, taxes and other features. Some are true and others are fiction and founded on fact and true to life.

The second department consists of 183

shorter incidents and illustrations, averaging about a little over a page each. These are the experiences of many of the prominent reformers and sketches of the lives of prominent men who have been ruined by the traffic and the others who have been reformed from the lowest walks of life to positions of great usefulness.

The third department consists of twenty pages of pointed paragraphs. These are short, witty statements from one to ten lines each, dealing with the traffic in all its phases. All are flashlights and have been gathered from the lectures and writings of the most prominent lecturers and statesmen of the entire country.

The fourth department consists of 24 pages of temperance poems. Twelve of these pages are illustrated by forty or more fine illustrations by expert illustrators. These have been selected from the best temperance poems ever published and have been made very attractive by these illustrations.

The fifth department consists of twelve pages of temperance songs. There are 47 songs, all to patriotic or other well known airs.

The book is illustrated by over twenty drawings and full page half-tones besides the forty smaller illustrations to the poems making a total of over 550 pages. The size of the book is 6 1/2 x 9 1/2 and is bound in two bindings, Vellum De Luxe cloth for \$1.50 and half morocco for \$2.00.

The book is sold exclusively through agents and is already having an enormous sale. Agents are wanted in every locality and are urged to write to the publishers who offer a liberal commission and give full instructions.

Ordination.

On October 10, 1909, Brother T. J. Furniss was ordained by the Philadelphia Baptist Church, Lincoln county, to the gospel ministry. Rev. L. P. Arender of Clinton, one of the deacons of Philadelphia and the writer composed the presbytery. Brother Furniss is pastor of the above church and is a student of Mississippi College. He is a very promising young preacher and we expect to hear great and good things of him in the future.

May the master passion of your soul be, my brother, to glorify God in bringing lost souls to Christ.

Fraternally,
W. A. Gill.

McComb City, Miss.

News Notes.

In obedience to my promise I write in regard to this field of labor. Hobolochitto Association has agreed to give \$1,000 to mis-

sions this year. 100 per cent over anything hitherto. We ought to give more but we are not wealthy nor have we been trained to give, but we are a large hearted clever people and with proper leadership will do our share.

With normal seasons we can produce one-half bale of cotton per acre and 200 bushels of sweet potatoes. Sheep and cattle live all winter without feed other than the range. Fat beef steak all the year at ten cents per pound. This is the country for health and fine water. My first year's work here shows good results—62 additions by baptism, 56 by letter and statement. Next Sunday, 21st we enter second year with fine prospects. The Lord be praised. God bless The Baptist Record and cheer the editor.

B. L. Mitchell.

Mississippi Heights Academy.

Without much notice in the papers there has been a school built up in our State of which all our people should know.

For years one of the crying educational needs of our State has been good, thorough, well disciplined training schools for boys. A boy in preparatory work and at the preparatory age has no business in a college. He does not need the college and it does not need him. He needs a training school with close discipline, pure moral atmosphere, a high spiritual tone and thorough teaching. Some five years ago the citizens of Blue Mountain determined to give such a school to Mississippi. A citizen said in the meeting, "we will build for 150 boys. In ten years we can fill a building of that size." We formed a stock company, and erected a neat brick building to accommodate that many—and reached 200 in four years.

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For Prof. Brown, I want to say that he is the closest disciplinarian I have ever seen; and for his school that they are the most perfectly behaved school of boys that I have ever known of the size. These 200 boys instead of being a worry and a dread to our little town, are a constant joy and blessing.

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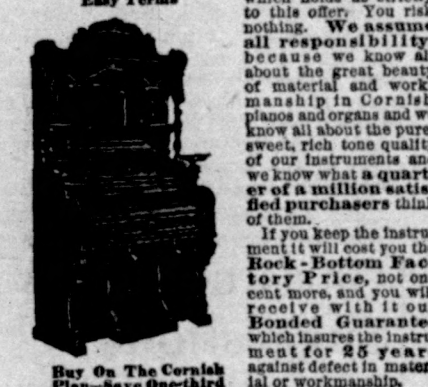
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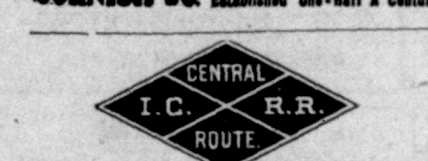
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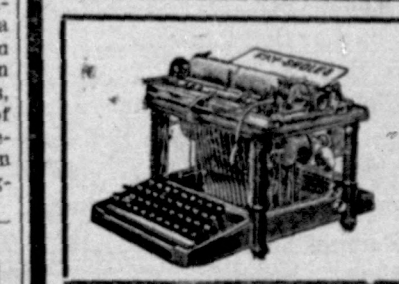
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Mrs. G. W. Riley, Editor, Jackson, Miss.
(Direct all communications for this department to Jackson, Miss.)

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Mrs. W. R. Woods, Meridian, Secretary of Central Committee.
Mrs. W. S. Smith, Meridian, President of Sunbeam Work.
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Mrs. Geo. W. Riley, Jackson, Recording Secretary.

"Take my life and let it be,
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold."

The following report, though somewhat delayed, is too good to omit, so we present it for the inspiration it may be to others:

The fourteenth annual meeting of W. M. U. of Lebanon Association was held in Fifth Avenue Methodist Church, Laurel, Miss., Friday Oct. 29, with the largest attendance in its history. Instead of having one session as heretofore we had a morning and afternoon session.

The women of the association responded beautifully in carrying out the arranged program and all seemed very interested, entering into the discussions with much enthusiasm.

The women of the association appropriated fifty dollars to the expense fund of vice president and on motion made by Mrs. E. W. Spencer a committee was appointed to ask the men to supplement this by an appropriation of fifty dollars. We were very much encouraged by their hearty endorsement and generous response in complying with the request. We feel very grateful to them and feel sure that we will be stimulated to greater efforts and enthusiasm in our Master's work.

Mrs. T. E. Waldron was elected treasurer for the W. M. U. of the association.

On motion of Mrs. Barton an offering was made for sustentation amounting to \$3.31.

Committee were appointed to express thanks to the pastor and people for use of church in which meeting was held and to the men of our association for their generosity to us. Following is a report of different societies of this association:

Columbia Street, Hattiesburg.

Foreign missions	\$ 57.75
Home missions	37.00
State missions	60.00
Home uses	27.25
Training School	30.00
Mississippi College	40.00
Orphanage	64.00
Frontier box	75.00
S. B. T. S.	10.00
Balance in treasury	117.50

Total \$518.50

First Church, Hattiesburg.

Foreign missions	\$211.42
State missions	38.25
Home uses	204.82
Training School	20.00
Margaret Home	7.50
Mississippi College	40.00
Sustentation	7.50
Orphanage	82.00
Frontier Box	100.00
S. B. T. S.	40.00
Church Bldg. and Loan	5.00

Total \$756.59

Fifth Avenue, Hattiesburg.

Foreign missions	\$ 17.60
Home missions	20.00
State missions	28.00
Home uses	38.45
Sustentation	10.00
Orphanage	63.70
Church Bldg. and Loan	93.00

Total \$267.75

Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg.

Foreign missions	\$ 8.40
Home Missions	8.30
Home uses	53.50

Total \$80.20

Wiggins Church.

Foreign missions	\$ 5.00
Home missions	5.00
Sustentation	5.00
Home uses	19.50
Margaret Home	5.00
Box to frontier	97.80

Total \$137.30

Ellisville Church.

Foreign missions	\$ 31.50
Home missions	30.00
State missions	30.00
Orphanage	72.10
S. B. T. S.	15.00
Sustentation	7.75
Training school	2.50
Building and Loan fund	2.50
Endowment	2.50
Margaret Home	5.00
Home uses	225.00

Total \$423.85

Sumrall Church.

Missions	\$ 30.00
Orphanage	30.00
State missions	10.00
Margaret Home	2.50
Home uses	116.75

Total \$189.25

Kingston Church, Laurel.

Foreign missions	\$ 5.00
Home Missions	3.00
State missions	10.50
Home uses	245.71
Orphanage	30.00

Total \$294.21

First Church, Laurel.

Foreign missions	\$104.05
Home missions	100.00
State missions	100.00
Orphanage	254.58
Frontier box	75.00
Sustentation	15.00
Home uses	211.69
Endowment	27.50
Bible fund	25.00
Margaret Home	5.00
S. B. T. S.	75.00

Total \$970.32

West End Church, Laurel.

Foreign missions	\$ 10.20
State missions	14.20
Home missions	5.00
Mississippi College	45.00
Orphanage	108.40
Ministerial education	1.00
Home uses	121.65

Total \$305.45

New Augusta.

Home uses	\$ 96.00
Missions	5.00

Total \$101.00

Poplarville Church.

Foreign missions	\$ 20.00
Home missions	15.50
State missions	10.00
Building and Loan	2.00
Orphanage	65.00
Frontier box	12.00
Home uses	135.00

Total \$259.50

Making a total of \$4,304.57 from all societies.

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Address of Welcome to W. M. U. at General Association Delivered by Mrs. F. D. Gibson.

My dear sisters and members of the W. M. U. of the General Association: It is indeed, a great pleasure to me to appear before you this morning with words of greeting and welcome on behalf of the General Association. It is a great privilege to us to have you meet with us. We feel that by associating with you we shall gain higher aspirations which will result in a better work and more consecrated living for our Master.

As we all know there is a great work for the ladies within the bounds of the General Association to do—a work in helping to evangelize the world.

Let us take a long look over the missionary world, see the needs and hear the cries. I feel if we look long enough the fields fertile with promise of coming harvest, the ripening grain and that which is now ready for the reaper will rest our eyes, steady our nerves and fill us with joy and hope for the future.

The call to evangelize the world is an urgent one; the command is

plain, we cannot commit to another generation that which has been given us to do.

The special function of the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention is disseminating missionary information and awakening enthusiasm.

The Union appoints no missionary and directs none of the work abroad. It receives recommendations from the Boards of the Convention which it is free to accept or reject. But I will not go into the details of the work of the W. M. U. but will speak of the work for us to do.

The women in all parts of the South are doing a great work for the Master. In other parts of our State the women are organized and lined up for service and we feel that the General Association will lag no longer and that the ladies of all our churches if they are not already organized will do so and fall in with the W. M. U. work.

Just listen what the W. M. U. are doing, their report to the Southern Baptist Convention last May was a total cash contribution for the preceding year for all objects \$172,764.07 and in addition it reported \$24,379.56 as the value of boxes sent to our home missionaries and mountain schools, this bringing up the grand total to \$197,143.07. Just think of it, this is woman's work. This shows what the women can do when properly organized and encouraged.

It has been said of the many departments of church work, that during the last decade no one has achieved more notable results than that of the women.

The women sometimes actually surprise themselves in the amount of money they can raise.

It has been stated that the rates of increase in their contributions during the past ten years has been greater than that of the general work. Just think of it and, too, think of the women within our association who are not working through the W. M. U. What might the women do if we could enlist them all, have them know of the

(continued on page 14).

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While the total valuation of the lumber, lath, and shingle production reached \$541,545,640, this amount represents a decrease of twenty-three per cent under the previous year's output. The number of mills reporting was 31,231 and these manufactured 33,224,369,000 board feet of lumber, valued at \$510,575,822 and 2,896,684,000 lath valued at \$6,791,328, while the shingle makers turned out 12,106,483,000 shingles valued at \$24,178,490. The average value of lumber at the point of manufacture was \$15.37 a thousand feet, \$2.27 a thousand feet for lath and \$2.00 a thousand for shingles.

Yellow pine of the South which has been far in the lead in the lumber production for more than a decade, more than maintained its supremacy last year, contributing slightly more than thirty-three per cent of the total cut from all kinds. Douglas fir of the Northwest ranked second and white pine third. Practically all kinds showed a marked decrease cut, and for the first three kinds of timber there was a falling off of fifteen, twenty-two and twenty per cent, respectively. Oak and hemlock maintained their relative ranks but showed decreases of twenty-five per cent each; in amount produced, and spruce dropped eighteen per cent.

Louisiana was the heaviest producer of yellow pine lumber, supplying nearly one-fifth of the total production. Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas and Alabama followed in the order named. The State of Washington, alone, supplied more than three-fifths of the Douglas fir cut, while the bulk of the remainder came from Oregon. Minnesota produced about a third

of the white pine, followed by Wisconsin with about fifteen per cent and New Hampshire with ten per cent. An interesting feature of the report is that two New England States, Maine and Massachusetts, produced more white pine than Michigan, which for many years led the country in producing this valuable timber.

Oak lumber manufacture now centers in Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee. Wisconsin comes first in the production of hemlock, taking the position held by Pennsylvania for so many years. Altogether the lumber report bulletin, which is free, by the way, contains fifty-seven pages, and gives detailed figures upon the quality and value of forty-five kinds of lumber manufactured in the United States last year. The work on it was conducted under the supervision of a committee of four, consisting of W. M. Stuart, chief statistician for manufacturers and J. E. Wheelchel, expert chief of division, representing the Bureau of the Census, and R. S. Kellogg, assistant forester and A. H. Pierson, forest assistant, representing the United States Forest Service.

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Second, it is the translator of our experiences. In order that we may obtain the best results from our experiences we must understand them perfectly. We must map out what has happened to us by the scriptures, and get the Bible names for it; because Christianity is mixed up with our being and our daily life. Well-informed and thoughtful Christians can best interpret their experiences. Because a devout Christian, be he historian, philosopher, jurist, or poet—a man of business or a laboring man, learned or unlearned—finds on nearly every page of the great Book something that helps him.

Third, it is the fixed power in religion. We can be true only when we believe something; through the changing experiences of life to love God firmly we must believe in the love of God as a truth. It is the true and thoughtful Christian who is the most constant and firm Christian. This is particularly true as we grow older; because if our religion is to keep its place with other things in our life, our conceptions must grow as do all other parts of our life. We must be men in religion as well as in business or politics, although the world at large may be ignorant of it, yet the influence of such a life will never cease, but will extend in a continually widening, though perhaps unseen, circle until multitudes are blessed by it.

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There is good, Christmassy fiction in this issue by Myra Kelly, Zona Gale, Hulbert Footner and John D. Barry. There is a serial by Katharine Holland Brown, and a detective story by Anna Katharine Green, which proves once more this writer's genius for novel and intricate plots.

The glamour that surrounds all queens is particularly strong about the supposedly romantic Queen of Italy. That glamour fades away before the trenchant pen of Kellogg Durland, who calls her the most unpopular queen of Europe.

Cincinnati is a happy city--according to Woman's Home Companion. Investigators have gone there to live, and they tell in this Christmas issue why Cincinnati is a fine American city. This is the second of a series of articles on American cities, and is in vivid contrast to last month's article on Pittsburg.

Lyman Abbott has a Christmas talk and there are more of Edward Everett Hale's delightful reminiscences.

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